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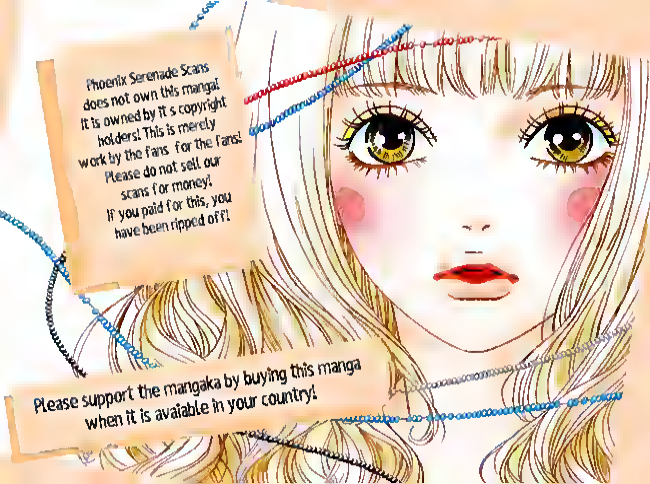
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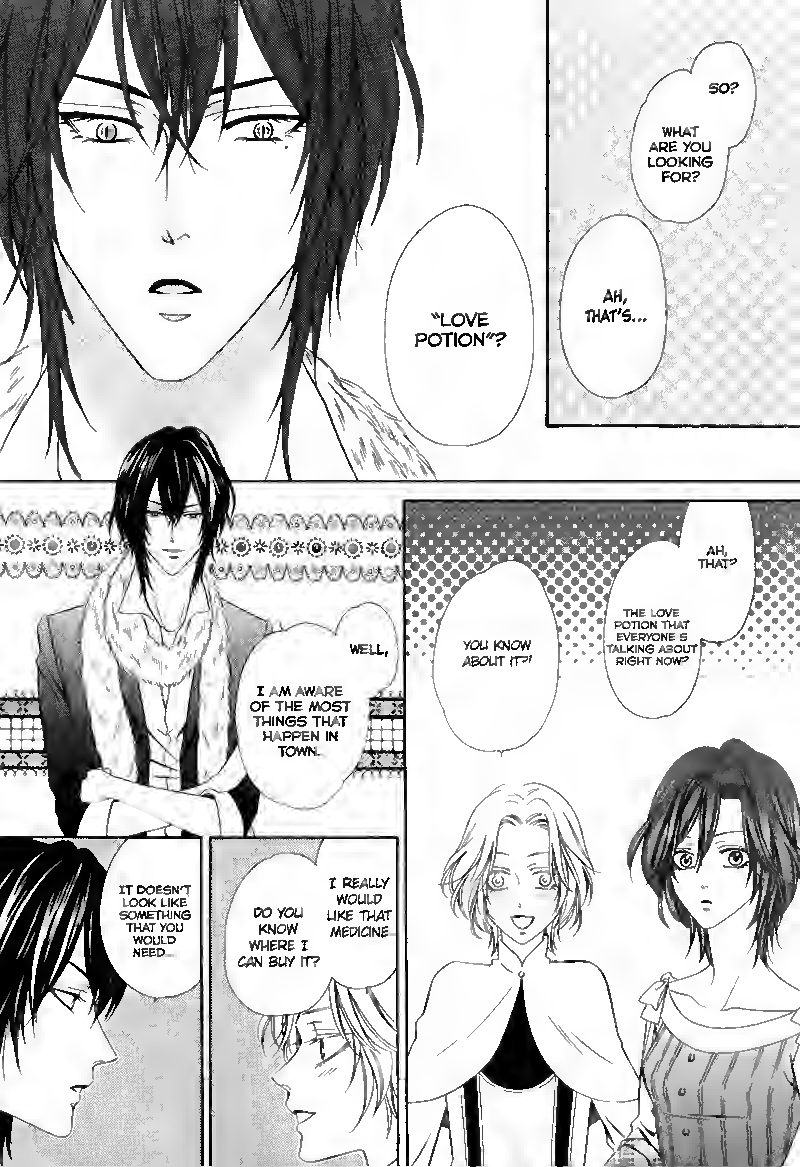
AL-BRECHT?
HEY... IT'S NOT LIKE I'M BEING CONFINED SO THERE ARE TIMES WHEN I GO OUT BY MYSELF
YOU'RE NOT WITH ALBRECHT?
HAHA! I'M SURPRISED HE LET YOU LEAVE BY YOURSELF
AND THIS ACQUAINTANCE OF YOURS IS?
I JUST MET HER
HER NAME IS MEL
bow
SHE'S SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING BUT SHE ISN'T FAMILIAR WITH THE TOWN SO I'M HELPING HER OUT
Well not that I'm familiar with the town either
NORA, YOU'RE SO RECKLESS
Huh?
Don't blame me if Albrecht finds out
SMILE
OH? LOOKING FOR SOMETHING, HUH...?


SO?
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
AH, THAT'S...
"LOVE POTION"?
AH, THAT?
THE LOVE POTION THAT EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT RIGHT NOW?
YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?!
WELL,
I AM AWARE OF THE MOST THINGS THAT HAPPEN IN TOWN.
I REALLY WOULD LIKE THAT MEDICINE.
DO YOU KNOW WHERE I CAN BUY IT?
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SOMETHING THAT YOU WOULD NEED...

I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT PLACE EITHER...
I DOUBT YOU'LL FIND IT IF YOU LOOK AROUND HERE THOUGH.
THOSE KIND OF SUSPICIOUS ITEMS
ARE THINGS YOU'LL FIND IN THE ALLEY MARKETS.
ALLEY...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!! I'LL GO TAKE A LOOK NOW!
AH! WAIT, WAIT.

YOU TWO ARE PLANNING TO GO DRESSED LIKE THAT?
…?
YOU CAN'T WALK AROUND THE ALLEY DRESSED IN THOSE FANCY CLOTHES
Plus Nori's clothes are custom-tailored
YOU'LL GET MUGGED AND KIDNAPPED IN A MATTER OF MINUTES YOU KNOW?
ANYWAY, COME WITH ME

whoosh
UM...
I'VE FINISHED CHANGING...
OH.
IT SUITS YOU.
HEHE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH
...HMM...

YOUR AURA FEELS SIMILAR TO AN ACQUAINTANCE OF MINE.
WAS YOUR MEETING WITH NORA BY CHANCE?
YES.
SHE SAVED ME WHEN I WAS BEING HARASSED BY SOME MEN.
THAT REALLY DOES SOUND LIKE SOMETHING NORA WOULD DO...
...NORA IS
A STRAIGHT-FORWARD GIRL.
SHE HAS A STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE.
A LITTLE SOFT-HEARTED,
AND DESPITE BEING SO BEAUTIFUL SHE ISN'T REALLY AWARE OF IT..
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S LEVEL-HEADED I CAN'T LEAVE HER ALONE.
THAT PART OF HER IS EXTREMELY CHARMING TO OTHERS...
HEH.

whoosh
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT-
I AGREE, BUT YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL.
NORA HAS A FRIGHTENING MASTER.
MASTER ?
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.

hahaha!
T-THIS GUY...
I KEEP TELLING YOU, IT'S MY TYPE.
My legs are shaking each time!!
WHY DO THE CLOTHES YOU PREPARE FOR ME
HAVE SHORT SKIRTS!?
WOW! NORA, YOU LOOK WONDERFUL!
NORA LOOKS GOOD IN ANYTHING, HUH?
ABOUT THAT...
sigh
THERE'S STILL TIME BEFORE IT'S NIGHT TIME
SO THERE SHOULDN'T BE THAT MANY BAD GUYS, BUT BE CAREFUL
I KNOW. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.
WELL, YOU GOT RID OF THE RICH YOUNG LADY FEELING.
ANYWAY, THERE'S NO PROBLEM IF WE GO TO THE BACK ALLEY WITH THESE CLOTHES ON, RIGHT?

...GEEZ...
I WONDER IF IT'LL BE OKAY WITH JUST THE TWO OF THEM? THEY STAND OUT
AND HER COMPANION DOESN'T LOOK VERY STRONG EITHER
TO BEGIN WITH, IS IT ALRIGHT NOT TO LET ALBRECHT-
...HM?
This presence...
...I SEE.
GOING TO PICK UP THEIR LOST PET
IS A MASTER'S IMPORTANT DUTY AFTER ALL.
RIGHT? ALBRECHT.

IT'S STILL EARLY SO THERE AREN'T THAT MANY PEOPLE
HOW SHOULD WE LOOK FOR IT?
LET'S SEE...
NOW THEN...
I WASN'T THINKING THAT THE "LOVE POTION" WOULD BE COMPLETELY SAFE.
NO
SOMETHING WRONG?
I HAVE TO START EXAMINING IT'S COMPONENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...
Mel...
BUT FOR THEM TO ONLY BE ABLE TO SELL IT IN A ALLEY LIKE THIS.
IT SEEMS IT MIGHT BE EVEN MORE DANGEROUS THAN I HAD THOUGHT

IF DONE POORLY IT'LL JUST TURN OUT TO BE SOMETHING LIKE AN APHRODISIAC SOMETIMES NARCOTICS ARE MIXED IN TOO
WHAT I ATTEMPTED TO MAKE WAS SOMETHING THAT WOULD BOOST A PERSON'S LOVE...
IT WAS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
BUT YOU RESEARCHED IT TOO RIGHT?
IS IT THAT DANGEROUS?
IT'S MORE OFTEN MEN WHO WANT SOMETHING THAT RISKY
BECAUSE WHAT THEY WANT IS THEIR PARTNER'S "HEART"
MOST GIRL'S DESIRES AREN'T THAT EXTREME
A WOMAN IN LOVE WANTS THAT KIND OF THING!?
GEH! NARCOTICS!?
DASH!
WE DEFINITELY HAVE TO FIND IT!
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE TAKING IT EASY!!
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!
...!
THE ONE WHO WILL BE HURT IS THE WOMAN
BUT IF A WOMAN UNKNOWINGLY USES IT ON A MAN...

STOP
HEY, YOU.
BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY.
YOU TOO MEL, COME ON!
Heh...
EH ..?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY SOME MEDICINE?
IF YOU GIVE THIS TO THE PERSON YOU LOVE, YOU CAN CAPTURE HIS HEART.
IT'S A "LOVE POTION".

LEAVING YOUR MASTER BEHIND AND GETTING ENGROSSED IN PLAYING AROUND.
WHAT A NAUGHTY PET.
MEL...?
But she was right behind me—
Did I leave her behind?
Oh, no.
Where in the world—
PULL
EEEK!

A-ALBRECHT...!!?
ITS BEEN A FEW HOURS, NORA.
WHY ARE YOU IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!?
UGH...
OBVIOUSLY, IT'S TO PICK UP MY PET THAT STILL HASN'T RETURNED
AND ALSO TO RECOVER A MISSING ADDICTED RESEARCHER
ADDICTED RESEARCHER?
STILL
glance
WHAT'S WITH THAT DRESS?
YOU SEEM TO BE WEARING SOMETHING DIFFERENT FROM WHAT YOU WERE WEARING WHEN YOU LEFT
AH...
BASILIUS?
ER, THIS IS... I BORROWED IT FROM BASILIUS...

TOO CLOSE, TOO CLOSE, TOO CLOSE ...!!!
YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S BASILIUS'S SCENT.
W-WAIT A MINUTE
T-
EH... !!?
slide...
THERE'S ALSO
SOMEONE ELSE'S SCENT ASIDE FROM BASILIUS'S...
Stop it!!
If you approach me right now—
WHO ELSE WERE YOU WITH?
W-
WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHO—
Gasp!

A GIRL I MET IN TOWN...
SHE WAS JUST WITH ME TILL NOW...
HMM...?
SEPERATES
NOW ISN'T THE TIME FOR THIS!
I NEED TO LOOK FOR MEL!
MEL?
EH?
I COULD PROBABLY FIND HER RIGHT AWAY FROM THE SCENT I GOT FROM YOU...
HOW ABOUT IT?
HOWEVER,
WHA-...!?
SMILE, SMILE
Y-...
YOU!
ONLY IF YOU ASK CUTELY...
You rotten devil..!

Pull!
It can't be helped!!!
I can't exactly leave Mel alone...
Argh!
But it's true that Albrecht can find her immediately.
DAMN IT!
WHAT IS WITH THIS GUY?!
—WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?
Y-YOU KNOW I CAN'T ASK CUTELY DON'T YOU!?
BEAR WITH IT.
NOW GO LOOK FOR MEL...!!!

He he heh...
I DIDN'T THINK I'D GET ASKED IN SUCH A COMMANDING TONE...
HMPH!
HEH...
AH WELL, GOOD ENOUGH
!?
SINCE IT'S YOUR FIRST ASKING ME FOR SOMETHING
I'LL LET IT PASS THIS TIME.
WELL, GEE, THANKS...!!
UMM.
!...

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THE MEDICINE IS IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
THAT'S RIGHT
IT'S IN HERE
ker-chak
OI, OI, WHO'S THIS?
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING BRINGING A STRANGER HERE?
WHOA! THIS GIRL...
WAIT
SHE'S SUPER BEAUTIFUL!!

TO FOLLOW ME SO OBEDIENTLY TO A PLACE LIKE THIS. WHAT AN IGNORANT YOUNG LADY.
fwp
THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT IT'D BE A WASTE TO JUST SELL THE MEDICINE TO HER
ISN'T SHE?
WHAT ABOUT THE PAYMENT?
HERE, YOU CAN HAVE IT.
DON'T WORRY. WE HAVE THE MEDICINE
ALL I WANT IS THE MEDICINE CALLED "LOVE POTION"
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
GRIN
GRIN
WHY DON'T YOU PLAY WITH HIS FOR A BIT?
BEFORE THAT
WE'LL GET THE MONEY LATER.
PLAY, AS IN.
OF COURSE
WITH YOU—
THUD
THUD
THUD

BONK
MEL!!!
WAAH!
M-MISS NORA?
Eeep!
squish!

WHAT'S WITH THIS WOMAN...!
...YOU GUYS.
ALRIGHT, STOP RIGHT THERE.
PFT
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING OF DOING TO THAT GIRL...?
W-WHO THE HELL ARE YOU GUYS...!?
AH...
A PRIEST!?
YOU SHOULDN'T CARELESSLY
TOUCH SOMEONE ELSE'S PET.

HUH?
W-What's going on...?
These two know each other...?
AS I THOUGHT. THE SCENT STUCK ON NORA WAS YOURS
SO NORA'S MASTER WAS YOU.
Freeze
HEY!
COMING IN HERE ONE AFTER ANOTHER...WHAT IN THE WORLD IS A PRIEST DOING—
COLLAPSE
Slide...
Thump
...NOW THEN
!?
SORRY.
BUT PLEASE BE QUIET FOR A LITTLE WHILE

GULP
YES IT'S RIGHT HERE
DID YOU GET IT?
YOU WERE AFTER THAT RUMORED MEDICINE RIGHT?
squeak
ALL THAT'S LEFT NOW IS
TO EXAMINE IT'S COMPO-NENTS.
DON'T WORRY
It might be dangerous..
EEH ...!?
SHE DRANK IT..
THAT PERSON IS RESISTANT TO ALL KINDS OF DRUGS.
THAT AMOUNT WON'T AFFECT HAVE MUCH AFFECT
...
AAH... I SEE...

Turn
Flinch!
YOU WERE THE ONE THAT MADE THIS?
Y-YEAH... I USED TO WORK AT A DOCTOR'S OFFICE AND I MIMICKED THE FORMULA...
IS THAT SO...
YOU DID...
.....
YOU BASTARD.
DON'T MESS WITH ME.
SHATTER
!!?
IT HAS BEGUN.

WHA-WHA
HER PERSONALITY CHANGED...
Just a moment ago
THAT PERSON IS A MAD RESEARCHER THAT IS WELL ACKNOWLEDGED
Even though she looked like a high-class lady,
If she acts like that
USUALLY THAT PERSON'S PERSONALITY IS CALM AND HARMLESS
BUT ONCE MEDICINE AND RESEARCH ARE INVOLVED...
BEEP
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
EXACTLY WHAT PART OF THIS IS A "LOVE POTION"?
THIS IS JUST STRONG ALCOHOL MIXED WITH CARDIOTONIC DRUGS!
YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED FOR SELLING SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
ARE YOU PREPARED...?
G-
O
She looks like some kind of delinquent
THAT PERSON'S PERSONALITY CHANGES
SNAP!
CRACK!

GYAAAAA
I'LL SEND YOU TO HELL!!
AAAAAA
Spin
Stagger
IT'LL TRAUMATIZE YOU SO YOU SHOULDN'T LOOK, OKAY?
.....
WHAT?!
CARDINAL ...?!

I-I can't believe Mel is a member of the Vatican...
RATHER...
Moreover, a cardinal...
"Melfor"...
dizzy
Isn't that a guy's name...?!
YES.
CARDINAL MELFOR HAGERICH.
THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE VATICAN'S RESEARCH DIVISIONS
HE USUALLY CONFINES HIMSELF IN THE RESEARCH ROOM
SO HE RARELY GOES OUT
IT SEEMS HE WASN'T ABLE TO SIT STILL WHEN HE HEARD ABOUT THE SUSPICIOUS "LOVE POTION" RUMOR
HE SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED SO VIN ASKED THAT I LOOK FOR HIM
It was on the way while going to pick you up
HE'S PROBABLY BEING LECTURED BY GABRIEL ABOUT NOW
Welcome back~
I-I'm back~
HM?

.....
...I'm not exactly depressed.
NOTH-ING...
WHY ARE YOU DEPRESSED?
It's just that
It was the first time I was able to have a friendly conversation with a girl (although he wasn't a girl).
I was a little happy...
That's why—
NORA.
HUH?

—MMPH?!
GULP!
SHOVE
!!?

What is this?
My throat's burning!
WHAT DID YOU MAKE ME DRINK JUST NOW!?
Y-
YOU!
THIS.
WAIT A MINUTE... ISN'T THAT...
THE "LOVE POTION"?!
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU MAKING ME DRINK...?!
DON'T WORRY, AS MELFOR SAID IT'S JUST A MIXTURE OF STRONG ALCOHOL WITH CARDIOTONIC DRUGS
SO?
HOW EFFECTIVE IS IT?

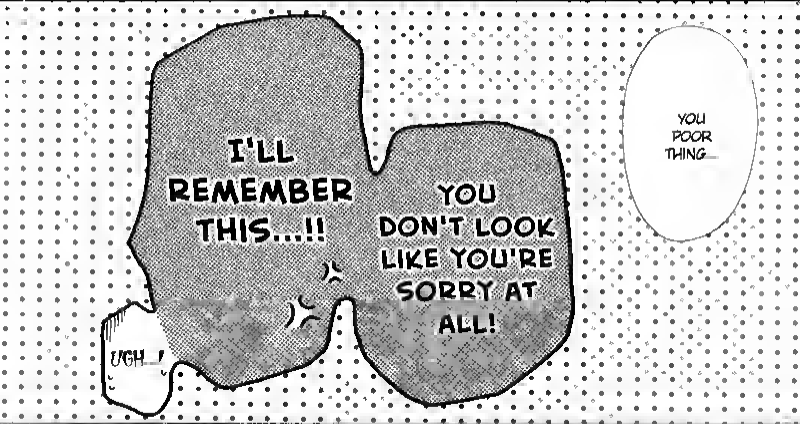
LIKE HELL IT IS...!
HAHA... THAT'S TOO BAD ISN'T IT?
NORA
AS IF!
fwish
YOU WERE DISAPPOINTED RIGHT?
THAT MELFOR
IS A GUY.
ESPECIALLY
SINCE SHE WAS YOUR FIRST FEMALE FRIEND.

Grin
Grin
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO COMFORT YOU?
Just like this,
...guesses what's inside my heart...
This guy easily
What a...
YOU POOR THING...

What a...
...detestable devil...
I FEEL SICK...
...NORA?

Moreover, the alcohol in that is way too strong!
NO! IT'S BECAUSE YOU MADE ME DRINK SOME WEIRD MEDICINE...!!
UGH...!!
IS THIS AN APPEAL FOR WANTING TO BE NURSED AND COMFORTED AT THE SAME TIME?
HMM...

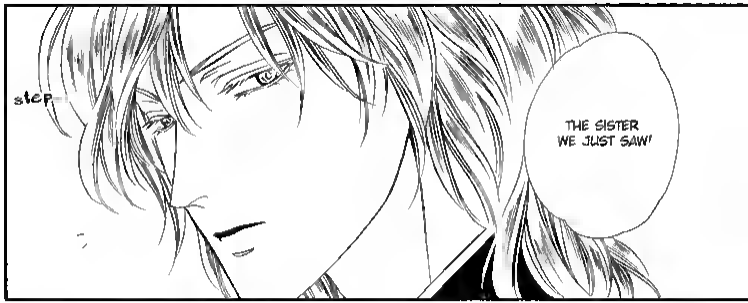
THE DIZZINESS I FELT IN THE DEVIL'S ARMS



WAS ALL DUE TO THE MEDICINE.

THAT'S WHAT I'VE DECIDED TO CONVINCE MYSELF WITH.

MIRACLE-DRUG
-THE AFTER EFFECTS-



THUD!
...!
I'M SORRY...
...NORA?!
KYA...!
HUH...?
ba-dump!
!?
NO, I WASN'T LOOKING IN FRONT OF ME EITHER
LEO...?
AH... NO I'M SORRY, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
W-WHAT'S GOING ON? NORA SEEMS DIFFERENT FROM USUAL...
THANK YOU.
UM...
HERE...

PETRIFIED
struggle
AH...!
!
WATCH O-
UGH...
...I'M SORRY
I FELT A LITTLE DIZZY...
Pant

WOBBLE WOBBLE
IF YOU'D LIKE YOU CAN COME HAVE SOME TOO LEO.
I MADE VIN SOME SNACKS
VIN
HUH. ?
NORA ISN'T WITH YOU?
ALBRECHT!

SOMETHING TROUBLING?
SOMETHING TROUBLING HAS COME UP...
SPEAKING OF NORA,
SHE HASN'T ARRIVED YET...
She's late so I came to look for her
IF IT'S NORA, SHOULDN'T SHE BE AT YOUR PLACE?
NORA...?
MORE THAN YOU EXPECTED?
BUT I DIDN'T THINK IT'D BE THIS MUCH...
WELL, SINCE NORA LOOKS THE WAY SHE DOES, I KNEW SHE WOULD ATTRACT ATTENTION.
YEAH.
APPARENTLY A PORTION OF THE YOUNG MONKS ARE RILED UP...

shock
WHAT'S WRONG?
ARE YOU HURT SOMEWHE—
?
...ALBRECHT
TAKE NORA BACK IMMEDIATELY.
WHY—
.....
TRUE.
THIS IS TOO MUCH FOR AN HONORABLE CLERGYMAN'S EYES.
I'LL TAKE HER BACK

IF NORA WAS LEFT HERE IN THE VATICAN IN THAT CONDITION,
THERE'D BE AN UPROAR...
Yeah. Just thinking about it is scary
AH.....
THAT WAS DANGEROUS.
—HERE.
CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES AND GO TO SLEEP
Rustle...

I'M GOING TO GET CHANGED SO LOOK AWAY!
YES, YES.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU MADE ME DRINK THAT WEIRD MEDICINE !!!
REALLY NOW
IF YOU WERE FEELING SICK YOU SHOULD HAVE RESTED
ALBRECHT
I NEVER WANT TO DRINK A MEDICINE THAT MAKES MY CONDITION WORSE EVER AGAIN
WHAT A LONG LASTING EFFECT THIS "MEDICINE" HAS
STILL IT'S BEEN TWO DAYS SINCE YOU DRANK THAT MEDICINE FOR IT TO LAST SO LONG...
...I CAN'T BUTTON THE BACK...

creak
IT APPEARS YOU ARE GENUINELY WEAK RIGHT NOW
Zzz...
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
I HAVE A HEADACHE AND I FEEL NAUSEOUS
Chuckle
WHAT A TROUBLING PET.
Well that medicine was mostly meant to get out of hosting after all.
A TYPICAL HANGOVER HUH
HM?

HURRY UP AND GET BACK TO BEING YOUR USUAL WARY SELF
TO SHOW SUCH A DEFENSELESS APPEARANCE TO SOMEONE OTHER THAN YOUR MASTER
IF NOT,
I'LL PUT YOU IN CHAINS
AND LOCK YOU UP, OKAY..?
!?
My heart was thumping! ♡
Leo?
MAN...
DEFENSELESS NORA WAS INTENSE..
TO BE CONTINUED